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APPLICANT(S): McCormick *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 09/908,966 GROUP NO.: 3712  
FILING DATE: July 19, 2001 EXAMINER: D. Suhol  
TITLE: A System and Method of Matching Teachers with Students to Facilitate  
Conducting Online Private Instruction over a Global Network

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 23, 2003, in connection with the patent application identified above. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference of March 6, 2003 regarding the Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of three perceived patentably distinct groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-12); Group II (claims 13-17); and, Group III (claims 18-20). Applicants hereby elects with traverse Group I (claims 1-12) for prosecution.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present response. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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